During Winter Quarter 2011, the Office of Minority Affairs & Diversity (OMA/D) will make a number of scholarship awards to students who participate in the Educational Opportunity Program, or any of OMA/D’s family of programs. This includes the Summer Transition Program, Student Support Services, the Early Identification Program, the McNair Program, the Instructional Center, the Ethnic Cultural Center, and the Health Sciences Center Minority Students Program. It also includes students who participated in Upward Bound, Talent Search, the Early Scholars Outreach Program, or GEAR UP while they were in middle or high school. Diversity Scholars and Washington Achiever Scholars are also eligible to apply.

We have invited you to apply for one of these awards because our preliminary review of your UW academic record indicates that you meet our basic award qualifications. Before completing the application, which you can access at [http://depts.washington.edu/eip/eop_scholarship_2011.htm](http://depts.washington.edu/eip/eop_scholarship_2011.htm), you should carefully review the eligibility rules below to be certain that you do in fact qualify.

A. You must be in attendance at the UW full-time (earning at least 12 credits) during Winter Quarter and Spring Quarter of 2011.

B. And if you are a continuing student, you need to be enrolled at the UW full-time during the 2011-2012 academic year.

C. If you entered as a freshman, and have done all of your undergraduate work at the UW, you are eligible to apply if you have completed no more than 135 UW credits with a cumulative UW Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 or higher by the end of Spring/Summer Quarter, 2010.

C. If you are a transfer student from a community college or another four-year institution, you are eligible to apply if you have earned at least 15 credits at the UW but have not completed more than 135 total UW credits by the end of Spring/Summer Quarter, 2010. In addition, you must have achieved a cumulative UW Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.00 during this period.

One of the major goals of this scholarship competition is to assist continuing students with financial resources to help them persist through their UW undergraduate education. This means that there will be a heavy emphasis on awards to freshmen, sophomores and juniors. Students with senior standing will be considered for awards only if they have at least one more year of school work remaining before they complete their degrees.
One award will be directed towards graduating seniors whose record of achievement, inside and outside the classroom, are worthy of recognition. Candidates for this award will be sent an invitation to apply.

Awards for continuing students (those scheduled to graduate during the 2011-2012 or 2012-2013 academic years) will be made at the beginning of Fall Quarter 2011 or on a quarterly basis during the 2011-2012 academic year.

Since all applicants will have met the basic qualifications outlined above, the final selection of award winners will be strongly influenced by other academic and non-academic considerations, such as the following:

1. **Other Academic Considerations**
   
   A. Notable academic achievements with a student’s overall good academic record—for example, acknowledgement by either an instructor or faculty member of having earned the highest grade in a difficult and demanding class.
   
   B. Written recommendations from faculty and staff members, TAs, advisors, counselors, internship supervisors, etc.
   
   C. Selection for participation in special programs or projects based largely on academic performance—for example, selection into an honors or study abroad program based to an important degree on academic performance.

2. **Non-Academic Considerations**

   A. Community service that demonstrated leadership, dedication, intelligent insight, reliability, etc.

   B. Participation in student government as an elected or appointed office of the ASUW, OMA/D's Student Advisory Board, of other student government organizations.

   C. Participation in internships, co-op programs, significant service learning projects, notable work-study jobs, tutoring or mentoring experiences—especially those in which leadership, planning, and organizational skills were recognized.

   D. Persuasive evidence in the application of the student’s intention to devote some part of his/her career to the welfare of his/her home community, as in the promotion of diversity, strengthening of community institutions, voter turnout, school service, etc.

   E. Evidence of having achieved an impressive academic and personal record while a student at the UW despite difficult personal circumstances. Example: a student who is a single parent who has consistently earned grades above a 2.80 while working and meeting the responsibilities of parenthood.

A candidate’s chances of receiving an award will depend heavily on the care, accuracy, and thoroughness, in which the application is completed. All letters of recommendation, transcripts, or
any other supplemental information that you wish to include for consideration must be submitted with your application.

Among the awards that will be given, several of these will be presented at Celebration Banquet on May 5th 2011. If you receive one of these Celebration 2011 awards, you must be in attendance at the event. If you know you will not be in Seattle on May 5th, (away in a study abroad program, for example), please indicate this on the application.

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